

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 7, 1861.—Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS made the following.

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the memorial of John W. Mason, of New York, having had the same under consideration, report:

The memorialist, for the owners of the Lucy Thompson, prays compensation for the services of that ship in rescuing and transporting to New York one hundred officers and men of the United States Army in January, 1854.

It appears that after the memorable disaster to the San Francisco on the 24th December, 1853, the Lucy Thompson, on her voyage from Liverpool to New York, fell in with the bark Kilby, then in a crippled condition, and 150 miles from the city of New York, having on board a number of persons, among them several officers and soldiers of the United States Army, whom the Kilby had relieved from the wreck of the San Francisco; many of these passengers the ship Lucy Thompson received from the Kilby and brought them safely into port. It is for such service that this claim, amounting to \$16,000, is brought against the United States.

In the examination of this case, it is found that, in 1854, the War Department paid to three vessels which came to the rescue of the San Francisco, as follows:

To the Antarctic.....	\$25,000 00
To the Kilby.....	22,262 05
To the Three Belles.....	29,739 71

These being the only vessels, in the opinion of the department, entitled to compensation for services rendered the United States, and the amount so awarded to the Kilby was in full consideration of the rescue and safe delivery of these passengers at New York, in which she was aided by the Lucy Thompson.

The committee properly appreciate the humane motives of the Lucy Thompson in aiding the Kilby under the trying circumstances then existing; but, as the Kilby was compensated for the service performed by the Lucy Thompson also, the claim of the latter is against the Kilby, and not against the United States. In view of these facts, the committee report that the prayer of the memorialist be refused.

